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Requirement

Carriers should be responsible and held accountable for transportation data only.

Business Need

Carriers can provide transportation-related information for a shipment. All data related to the cargo (i.e. commodity level detail related to description, actual piece count, package type, etc.) must be the responsibility of the importer/exporter/agent. Carriers can transmit the information that is provided from the bill of lading description, but it must be understood that the carrier is not able to verify the particulars provided by the shipper. Actual piece count comes from the commercial party buying/selling/entering the cargo. Unmatched piece counts should not be the responsibility of the carrier to resolve nor should it hold up delivery of cargo. Our recommendation is to handle this reconciliation similar to the ITDS pilot.

Technical Need

Benefits

Receiving data from parties who have access to that data puts the responsibility for the accuracy of that information on the appropriate party involved. Reconciliation of the data is easier and accountability can be upheld when the appropriate party is responsible for providing the information.

Assumptions

1. Policy issue

2. ORR would have to make changes if policy changed

3. Importer is the party with control over the commercial data (shipper/broker)

4. ECP can raise the issue to Customs

Risks

Related Subcommittees

Priority: Critical X   High ☐   Medium ☐   Low ☐

Customs Use Only
        Approved ☐   Not Approved ☐   Further Evaluation Required ☐